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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Seoul Bureau--May 1982

I. GENERAL

A curb market loan scandal which shook South Korea's financial structure dominated the news during the month. The scandal, which allegedly reached high government circles, resulted in the resignation of the entire cabinet and replacement of leading party and government officials. Several bank presidents were among those arrested for involvement in the affair. The scandal touched off brief student demonstrations which were quickly dealt with by the government. Further repercussions are predicted.

In the north, Pyongyang was the site of a meeting of the nonaligned press agency pool. This meeting generated much reportage by KCNA.

During the month several agents were intercepted as they allegedly tried to infiltrate the ROK from the north. In a brief firefight, one northerner was killed. For one of the few times since the end of the war, the DPRK side acknowledged that one of their men--on a "training mission"--had accidentally crossed the Demilitarized Line and agreed to accept his body from the United Nations Command side. The body was turned over to DPRK authorities at a Military Armistice Commission meeting.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. [] editor stationed at Okinawa Bureau, arrived in Seoul for temporary duty to fill the gap between the departure of the deputy chief and the arrival of his replacement.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Deputy Chief [] experienced some medial problems during the month, resulting in his leaving prior to his scheduled end of tour. [] and his family departed PCS Washington.

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2. Recruiting for two Korean vacancies--one to replace departing monitor [] and the other to fill the slot previously used for a Russian monitor--began during the month. From over 100 applicants, two were selected for processing.

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3. Teletypist [] was married during the month. Several members of the Seoul Bureau attended the ceremony.

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B. Other

1. Auditors [] completed an audit of bureau property and financial affairs during the month. No significant changes in bureau procedures were recommended.

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2. The regional security officer conducted a survey of the bureau's physical security. Minor suggestions were instituted by the bureau.

IV. VISITS

1. [], chief of [] ED, visited the bureau during a tour of FBIS Asian facilities. While in Seoul, [] visited the remote receiving site and met military personnel involved in the Fastback project.

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2. Chief Analysis Group [] visited the bureau during the month. She met with DCM Paul Cleveland, Political Counselor David Blakemore and other Embassy officials. While in Seoul, she joined the chief and deputy chief Seoul Bureau on an orientation trip to the Demilitarized Zone.

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3. The chief and deputy chief, Seoul Bureau, attended a reception given by the Special Assistant to the Ambassador for a visiting dignitary from Washington.

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/ Chief, Seoul Bureau, FBIS

Attachment: Seoul Bureau Monthly Production Report

cc: Chief, Hong Kong Bureau
Chief, Okinawa Bureau

SEOUL BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR May, 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	440,820
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	102,500
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,081

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	13,755 min	6,810 min	48 issues
III. <u>OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:</u> (publishable words per month)			

CHINA (PRC)	
Beijing in	
Korean to Korea	-
Changchun Jilin Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	18,110
Harbin Heilongjiang Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	7,170
Hohhot Nei Monggol Regional Service in	
Mandarin	7,870
Jinan Shandong Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	5,380
Lanzhou Gansu Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	5,720
Shenyang Liaoning Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	5,460
Tianjin City Service in	
Mandarin	1,360
Xining Qinghai Provincial Service in	
Mandarin	5,090

CLANDESTINE	
(Clandestine) Voice Of The Revolutionary	
Party For Reunification in	
Korean to South Korea	30,120

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
KOREA (NORTH)			
Pyongyang Domestic Service in Korean	105,410		
Pyongyang KCNA in English		163,770	
KOREA (SOUTH)			
Seoul Domestic Service in Korean	1,670		
Seoul YONHAP in English		19,670	
Seoul CHOSON ILBO in Korean			6,210
Seoul CHUNGANG ILBO in Korean			1,610
Seoul HANGUK ILBO in Korean			4,850
Seoul KYONGHYANG SINMUN in Korean			1,950
Seoul SEOUL SINMUN in Korean			2,410
Seoul THE KOREA HERALD in English			12,620
Seoul THE KOREA TIMES in English			18,230
Seoul TONG-A ILBO in Korean			8,720
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Korean to Korea			430